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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 300701 - 310700 AUGUST 1962

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a. COMEWESTFOR REPORTED AN INCIDENT TO CINCIANT INVOLVING AN S2F AIRCRAFT OF VS 661 CONDUCTING A ROUTINE PATROL OVER THE FLORIDA STRAITS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

THE PILOT REPORTED BEING FIRED UPON BY TWO SURFACE PATROL TYPE CRAFT.

ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL REPORT STATED THE AIRCRAFT HAD SUSTAINED DAMAGE. THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED.

THE VESSELS WERE DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO THE CUBAN GC-107 (HABANA). BUT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION NOT MADE.

THERE WILL BE NO PRESS RELEASE EXCEPT BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

(EAC NOTE: THE GC-107, HABANA, IS A COAST GUARD CUTTER DISPLACING 95 TONS AND ARMED WITH TWO 20MM AA GUNS; SPEED, 15 KNOTS.)

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b. CINCLANT HAS REQUESTED JCS GUIDANCE IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE AREA IN JAMAICA.

THE MONTEGO BAY AREA IS FAVORED ALTHOUGH OTHER AREAS ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA HAS DISPLAYED A RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. MILITARY.

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